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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Francis BRIAND et al.

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GROUP 1725

Examiner Kevin L MCHENRY

LASER/ARC HYBRID WELDING PROCESS  
WITH APPROPRIATE GAS MIXTURE

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 28, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed July 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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